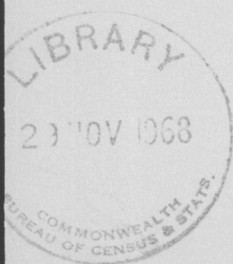


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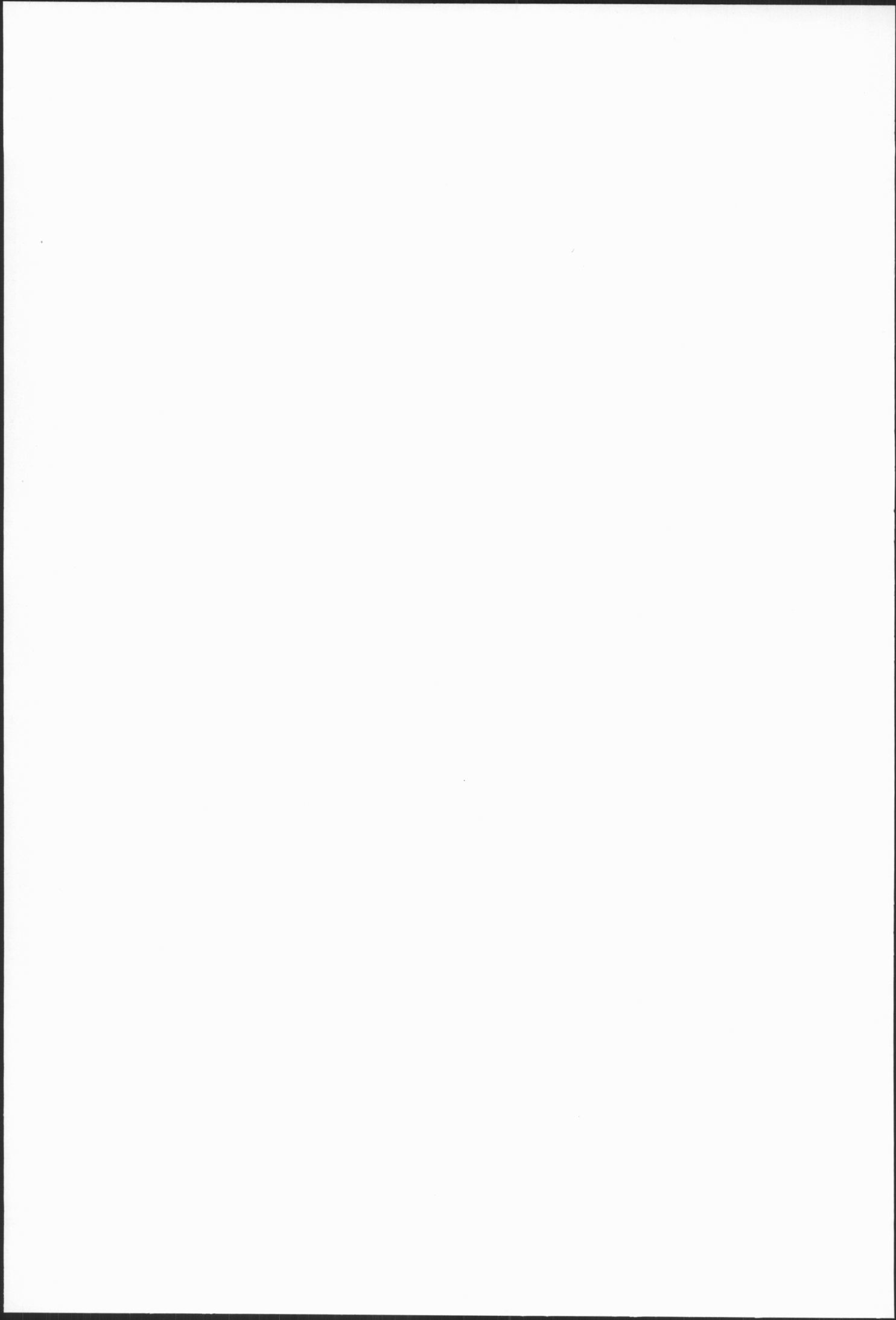


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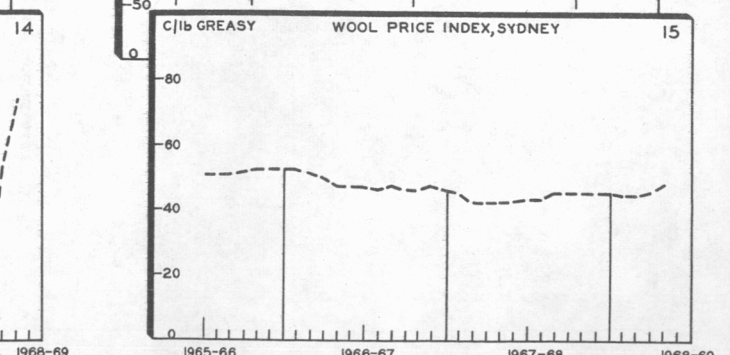
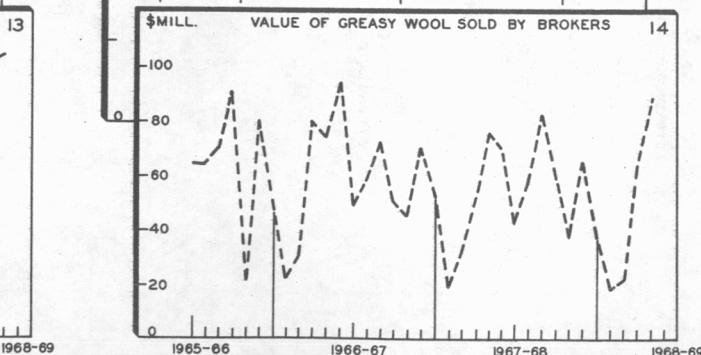
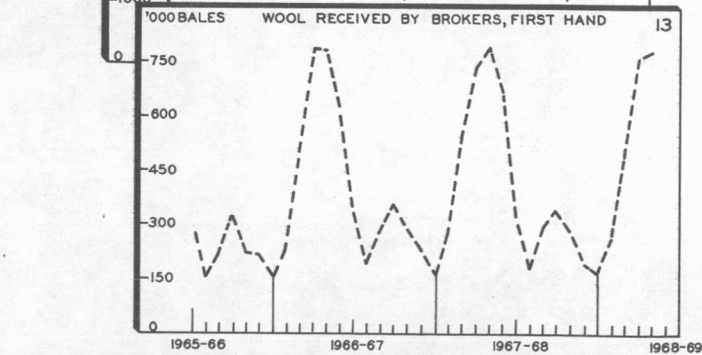
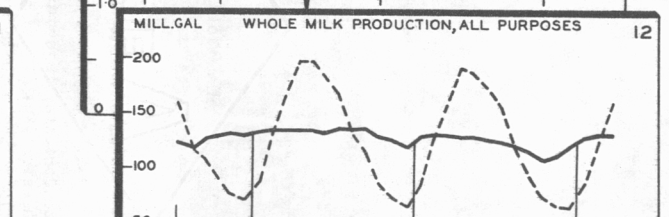
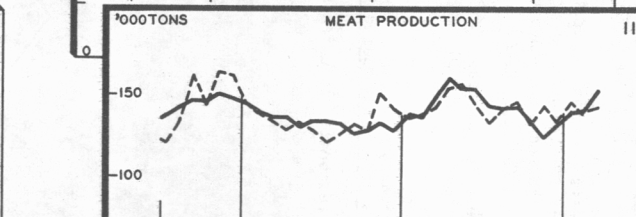
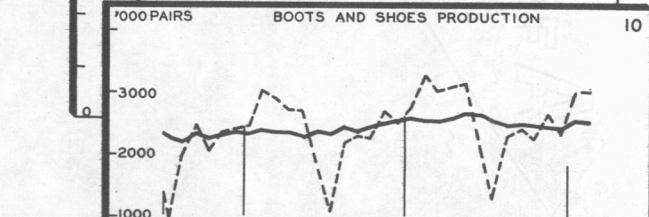
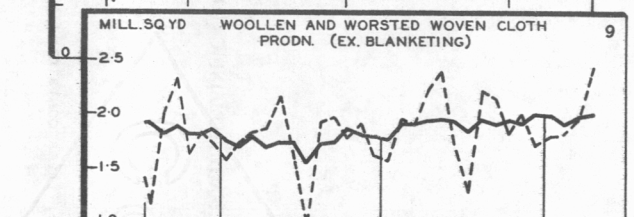
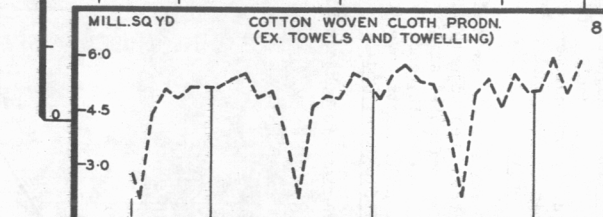
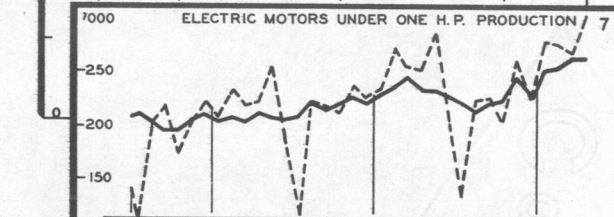
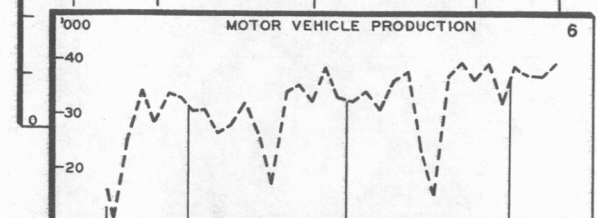
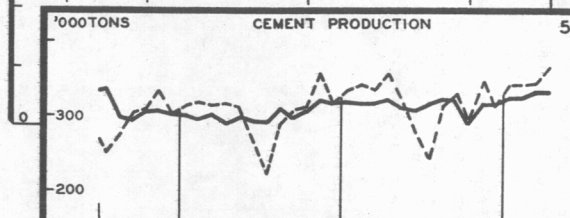
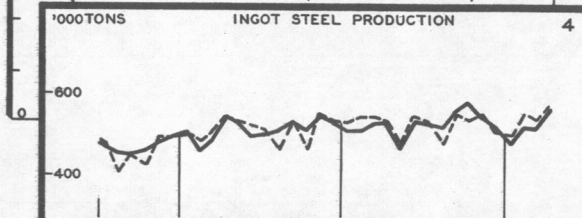
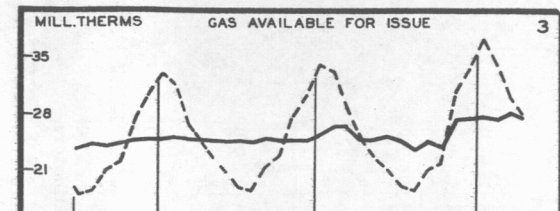
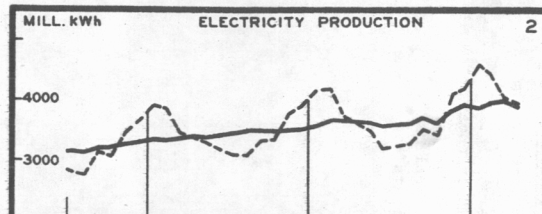
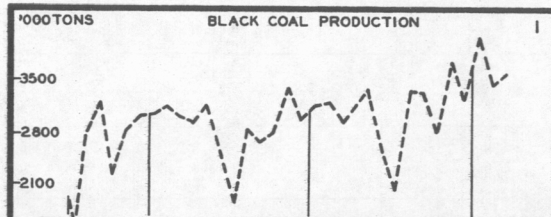
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As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of some calendar irregularities, namely: 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc., in the month) and the influence of moveable holidays, i.e. Easter and Australia Day. The adjustments made to each series are indicated in Appendix B of Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1968.

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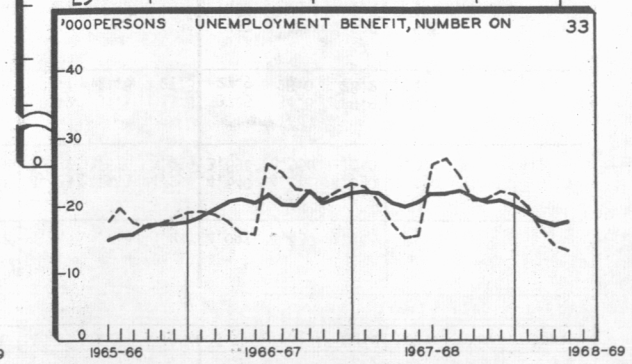
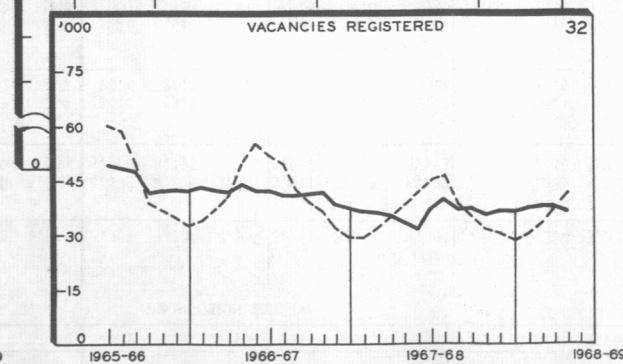
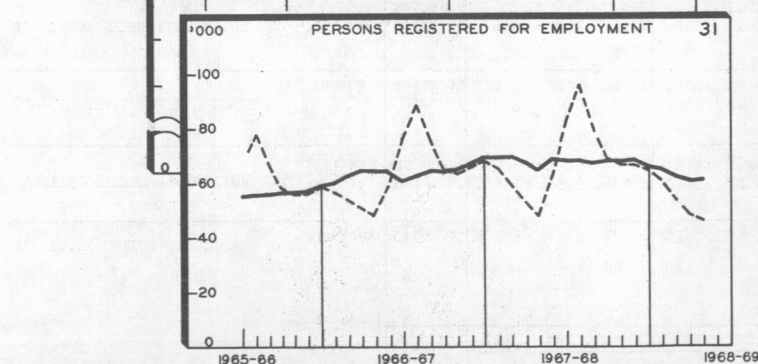
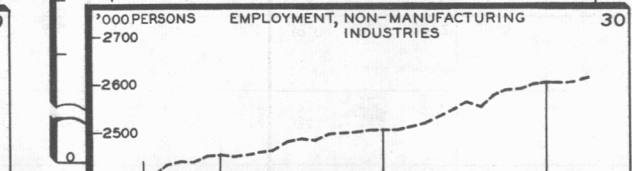
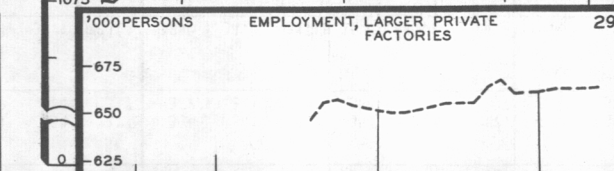
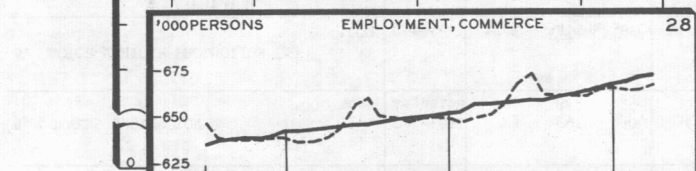
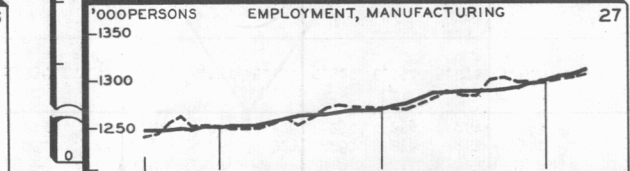
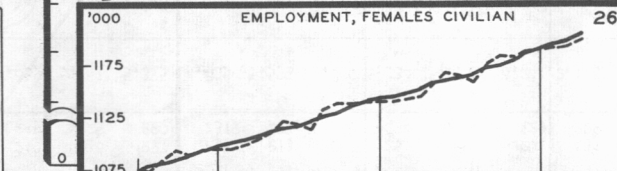
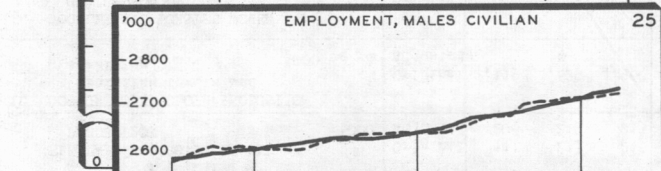
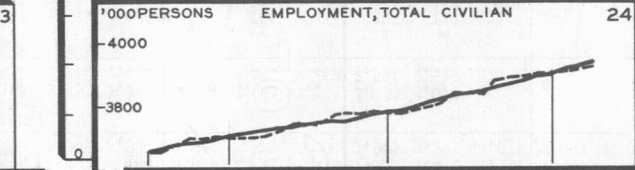
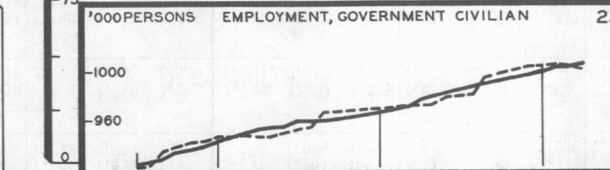
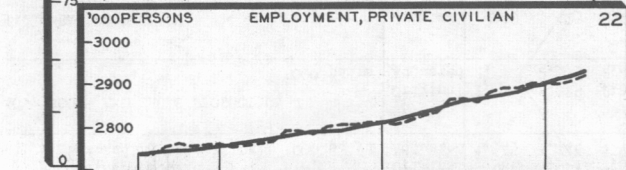
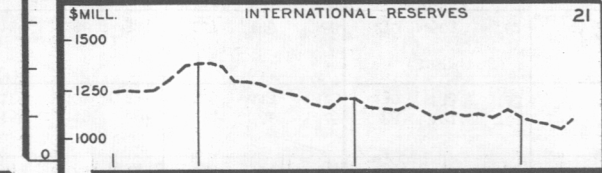
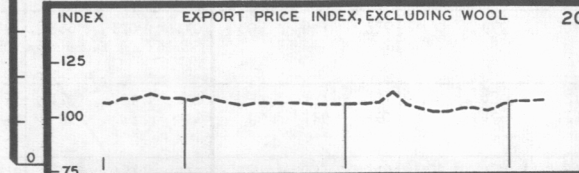
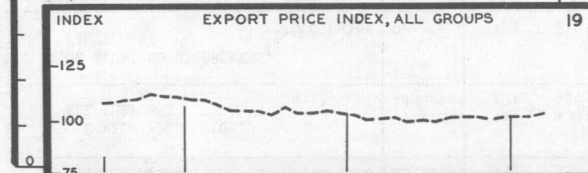
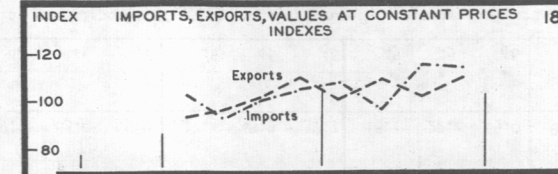
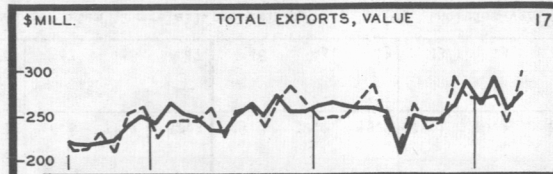
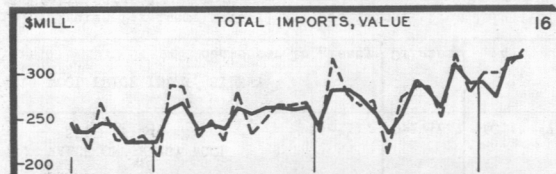
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PRODUCTION, ETC. (a)																										
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original	1,705	2,922	2,646	2,741	3,471	2,942	3,150	3,136	2,950	3,166	3,382	2,496	1,985	3,358	3,332	2,802	3,742	3,247	4,097	3,430	3,566			
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill. kWh	Original	3,081	3,069	3,340	3,300	3,798	3,883	4,177	4,205	3,757	3,611	3,513	3,207	3,240	3,280	3,541	3,433	4,143	4,256	4,640	4,474	4,030	3,950		
		Adjusted	3,506	3,523	3,516	3,514	3,540	3,533	3,588	3,695	3,705	3,622	3,659	3,563	3,628	3,646	3,731	3,632	3,876	3,959	3,896	3,956	4,010	3,911		
3. GAS AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE	mill. therms	Original	18.9	18.5	21.7	22.7	28.1	30.4	34.0	33.3	28.4	25.0	22.3	21.2	18.8	18.3	21.2	21.9	31.1	33.8	37.5	34.8	29.9	27.8		
		Adjusted	24.9	24.6	25.5	24.8	25.0	24.7	25.6	26.7	26.7	24.8	24.8	25.3	24.7	23.5	24.6	24.1	27.8	27.8	27.9	28.0	28.2	27.6		
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original	508	456	523	462	553	530	526	540	541	530	477	544	527	479	548	530	551	505	497	552	539	565		
		Adjusted	503	513	524	511	545	528	507	513	524	525	470	530	522	516	556	577	542	515	480	520	520	561		
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original	223	291	308	311	354	317	336	341	333	354	324	277	240	312	329	296	347	314	341	344	345	366		
		Adjusted	296	314	298	309	324	317	322	321	321	324	313	307	317	324	323	291	317	317	323	325	334	334		
6. MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION (b)	'000	Original	17.2	34.5	36.0	32.8	39.1	33.4	32.8	34.8	31.1	36.8	38.1	24.3	15.6	37.2	40.0	36.6	39.8	32.8	39.0	37.7	37.2	39.8		
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS UNDER ONE HP, PRODUCTION	'000	Original	111	213	216	210	236	227	235	273	253	251	287	202	131	224	227	204	261	223	280	276	267	304		
		Adjusted	208	213	215	219	225	220	231	237	245	234	234	229	222	213	221	228	246	228	252	254	263	263		
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding towels and towelling)	'000 sq yd	Original	2,119	4,629	4,968	4,839	5,587	5,375	4,835	5,553	5,830	5,334	5,251	4,247	2,173	4,936	5,434	4,611	5,551	5,101	5,225	6,054	5,074	5,908		
		Adjusted		4																						
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding blanketing)	'000 sq yd	Original	986	1,921	1,970	1,780	1,932	1,605	1,591	1,981	1,910	2,238	2,398	1,724	1,284	2,240	2,147	1,837	2,033	1,716	1,959	1,815	1,961	2,448		
		Adjusted	1,545	1,746	1,750	1,876	1,801	1,789	1,782	1,929	1,906	1,949	1,962	1,959	1,850	1,963	1,924	1,961	1,925	2,005	1,985	1,904	1,973	2,003		
10. BOOTS AND SHOES PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	Original	1,	2,229	2,354	2,305	2,739	2,584	2,794	3,280	3,169	3,095	3,231	2,040	1,318	2,330	2,433	2,264	2,663	2,303	3,034	3,017				
		Adjusted	2,	2,503	2,442	2,495	2,560	2,589	2,607	2,567	2,683	2,599	2,740	2,662	2,554	2,512	2,534	2,493	2,493	2,450	2,591	2,512				
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original	119	125	131	128	149	139	135	137	141	154	156	142	132	141	146	131	144	133	146	139	142			
		Adjusted	133	132	126	127	131	128	137	135	149	159	154	154	143	141	141	132	124	131	139	140	153			
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill. gal.	Original	168	130	116	85	73	65	86	126	160	194	189	173	155	119	96	74	66	65	88	127	161			
		Adjusted	137	136	137	130	126	120	130	131	131	130	130	127	125	121	116	109	113	123	130	133	133			
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND	'000 bales	Original	193	278	361	299	240	160	283	543	736	790	668	324	179	298	347	287	198	188	270	503	762	781		
14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS	\$ mill.	Original	60.1	73.3	51.1	46.6	71.3	52.3	19.8	32.2	55.2	76.1	70.3	42.4	59.3	83.4	59.0	37.4	65.9	37.7	18.1	22.4	69.0	89.0		
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY	cents per lb greasy	Original	47	48	47	47	48	47	46	43	43	43	43	44	44	46	46	46	46	46	45	45	46	48		

(a) Figures for items 1 to 11 are preliminary from July 1967. Figures for item 12 are all preliminary.

(b) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

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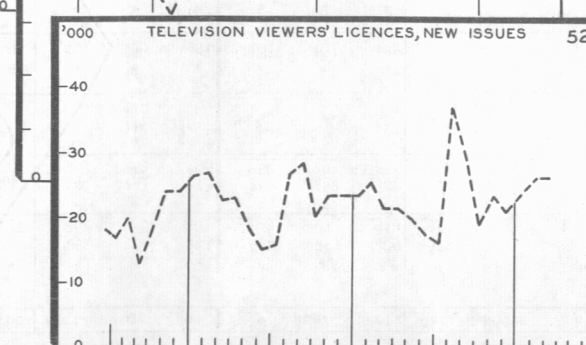
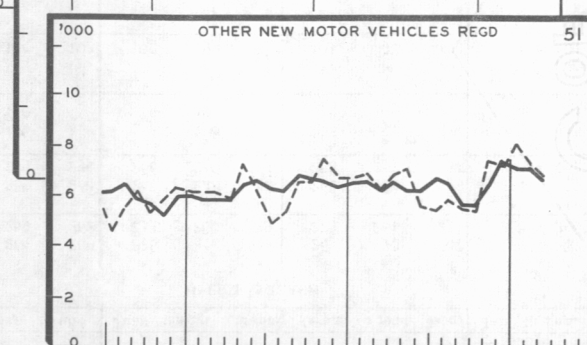
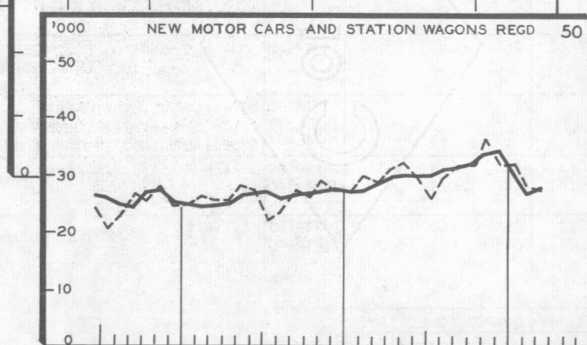
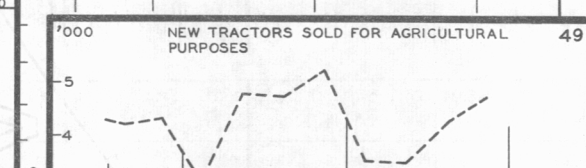
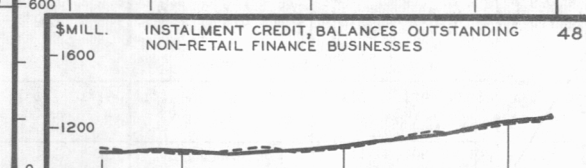
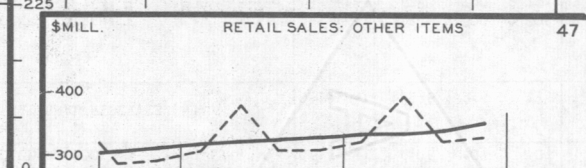
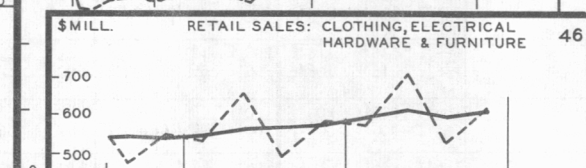
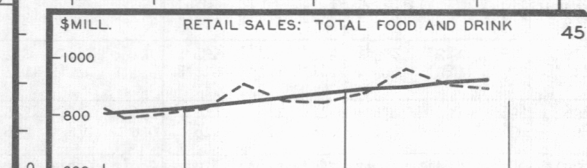
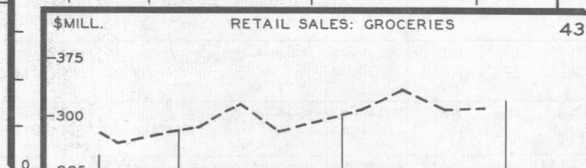
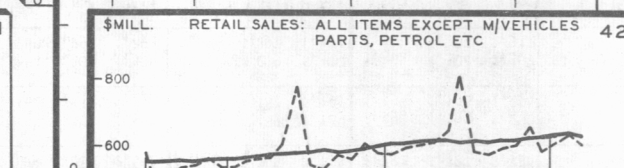
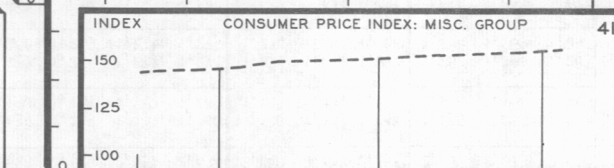
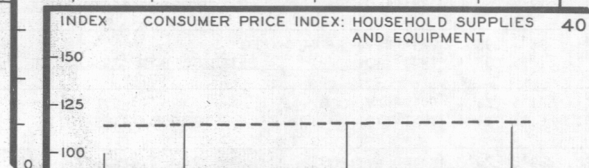
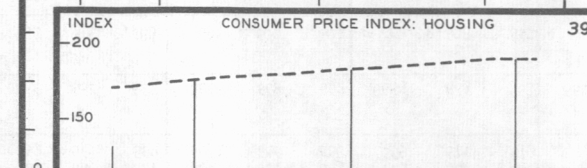
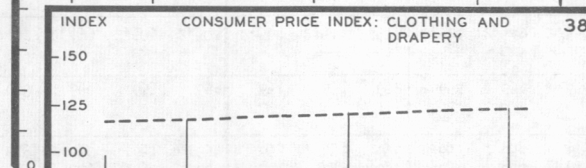
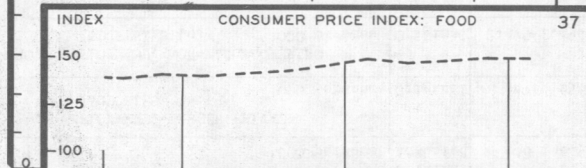
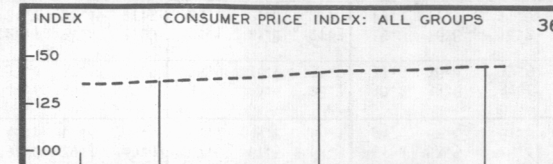
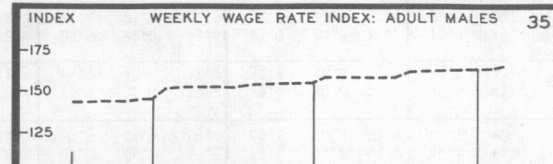
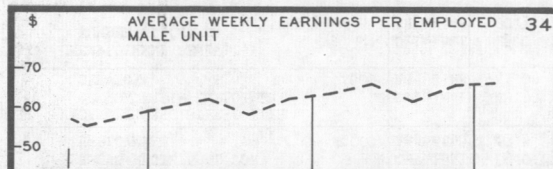
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OVERSEAS TRADE																										
16. TOTAL IMPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original	279	233	250	265	264	269	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
		Adjusted	263	257	262	263	259	262	239	314	276	265	270	207	277	287	286	252	322	273	299	299	309	329	321	
17. TOTAL EXPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original	256	260	239	270	285	264	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
		Adjusted	253	265	251	275	255	256	266	248	246	266	284	239	216	259	234	240	293	273	265	269	240	297	275	
18. INDEXES OF VALUES AT CONSTANT PRICES IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100 EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100		Original	100			105			108			97			115			114								
		Original	101			110			100			109			101			110								
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS	1959-60 = 100	Original	103	105	103	103	104	103	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
		Original	106	107	107	106	106	106	106	106	107	111	105	104	103	103	104	104	103	105	106	106	107			
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING WOOL	1959-60 = 100	Original	106	107	107	106	106	106	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
		Original	106	107	107	106	106	106	106	106	107	111	105	104	103	103	104	104	103	105	106	106	107			
21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (a)	\$ mill.	Original	1,236	1,215	1,175	1,158	1,197	1,198	(e)						1,131	1,102	1,117	1,096	1,143	1,092	1,079	1,060	1,037	1,091		
		Original	1,236	1,215	1,175	1,158	1,197	1,198	1,157	1,151	1,143	1,170	1,146	1,092	1,131	1,102	1,117	1,096	1,143	1,092	1,079	1,060	1,037	1,091		
EMPLOYMENT (b)																										
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE CIVILIAN (e)	'000 persons	Original	2,782	2,800	2,805	2,805	2,808	2,806	2,804	2,812	2,822	2,836	2,861	2,862	2,854	2,880	2,891	2,888	2,896	2,899	2,901	2,908	2,921			
		Adjusted	2,788	2,790	2,791	2,799	2,805	2,809	2,815	2,824	2,832	2,842	2,851	2,858	2,860	2,869	2,876	2,882	2,893	2,903	2,913	2,921	2,932			
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN	'000 persons	Original	956	967	967	968	970	970	971	972	972	973	977	980	983	996	999	1,001	1,003	1,004	1,005	1,004	1,003			
		Adjusted	960	961	962	963	965	967	970	972	976	980	983	985	987	990	993	996	998	1,001	1,004	1,004	1,007			
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (c)	'000 persons	Original	3,739	3,767	3,772	3,773	3,778	3,775	3,775	3,783	3,794	3,809	3,838	3,842	3,837	3,876	3,889	3,889	3,899	3,903	3,907	3,912	3,924			
		Adjusted	3,746	3,751	3,754	3,762	3,771	3,776	3,785	3,796	3,808	3,822	3,833	3,842	3,845	3,859	3,870	3,878	3,891	3,904	3,917	3,925	3,939			
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	Original	2,622	2,634	2,633	2,633	2,638	2,635	2,635	2,640	2,646	2,654	2,671	2,676	2,678	2,699	2,704	2,706	2,712	2,714	2,716	2,719	2,724			
		Adjusted	2,623	2,622	2,623	2,625	2,631	2,634	2,640	2,647	2,656	2,665	2,673	2,678	2,679	2,687	2,693	2,698	2,705	2,713	2,722	2,727	2,734			
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	Original	1,116	1,133	1,139	1,139	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,143	1,148	1,155	1,167	1,166	1,159	1,177	1,185	1,183	1,187	1,189	1,190	1,193	1,200			
		Adjusted	1,123	1,129	1,130	1,137	1,140	1,143	1,145	1,149	1,152	1,156	1,160	1,165	1,166	1,172	1,176	1,180	1,187	1,191	1,195	1,198	1,204			
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING	'000 persons	Original	1,260	1,273	1,277	1,274	1,273	1,271	1,271	1,272	1,277	1,282	1,290	1,283	1,284	1,300	1,305	1,298	1,299	1,300	1,302	1,304	1,307			
		Adjusted	1,265	1,265	1,266	1,269	1,271	1,272	1,274	1,276	1,282	1,286	1,289	1,290	1,289	1,291	1,293	1,293	1,297	1,301	1,305	1,307	1,312			
28. EMPLOYMENT, COMMERCE	'000 persons	Original	650	649	647	649	650	649	647	649	651	656	668	673	661	661	661	661	664	665	663	664	668			
		Adjusted	648	649	649	650	651	652	653	656	656	657	658	659	659	661	662	663	666	668	669	671	673			
29. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES	'000 persons	Original	647	656	658	655	653	651	651	651	652	654	656	656	656	664	668	661	662	662	663	663	663	664		
		Original	647	656	658	655	653	651	651	651	652	654	656	656	656	664	668	661	662	662	663	663	663	664		
30. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (c)	'000 persons	Original	2,479	2,494	2,495	2,499	2,505	2,504	2,504	2,511	2,517	2,526	2,549	2,558	2,553	2,575	2,585	2,591	2,600	2,603	2,604	2,608	2,617			
		Original	2,479	2,494	2,495	2,499	2,505	2,504	2,504	2,511	2,517	2,526	2,549	2,558	2,553	2,575	2,585	2,591	2,600	2,603	2,604	2,608	2,617			
31. PERSONS REGISTERED FOR EMPLOYMENT	'000	Original	89.0	76.3	64.9	64.0	66.2	68.5	65.4	59.8	53.2	48.6	63.0	83.6	96.2	79.1	69.4	67.0	67.3	65.3	61.4	53.5	48.4	46.5		
		Adjusted	63.5	64.9	64.5	65.5	67.9	69.4	69.6	70.0	67.9	64.7	68.5	68.0	68.6	67.4	69.0	68.7	69.2	66.1	65.5	62.8	61.8	61.9		
32. VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE	'000	Original	49.9	42.6	38.8	36.7	32.0	29.3	29.2	32.0	35.0	38.3	41.4	45.4	46.6	38.4	35.0	31.5	30.6	28.7	30.2	33.8	37.6	41.3		
		Adjusted	41.0	41.1	41.5	41.9	38.6	37.7	36.7	36.4	35.3	33.5	31.9	37.1	38.4	37.1	37.5	35.9	36.9	36.9	37.9	38.4	37.9	36.1		
33. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (a)	'000 persons	Original	25.0	22.2	22.1	20.9	22.0	23.4	23.0	20.8	17.2	15.3	15.7	26.3	26.7	24.2	21.0	21.1	21.8	21.3	19.8	16.8	14.2	13.3		
		Adjusted	20.3	20.3	22.4	20.6	21.3	21.9	22.1	21.9	20.5	20.1	20.5	21.7	21.7	22.1	21.3	20.7	21.0	20.0	19.1	17.7	17.0	17.5		

(a) "Gold and Foreign Exchange held by Reserve Bank" was \$1,010.0 million on 21.8.68; \$985.4m. on 18.9.68; \$1,008.7m. on 16-10-68; \$1,049.5 m. on 20.11.68.

(b) Figures in items 22-30 refer only to employed wage and salary earners. Except for those in item 29, the figures are subject to revision. (c) Excludes employees in rural industry and in private domestic service. (d) Last Saturday of month. (e) Reserves fell by \$24.8 m. between the last Wednesdays in October and November. This fall includes a loss of approx. \$113 m. resulting from the devaluation of United Kingdom and New Zealand currencies. * Preliminary. † Revised.

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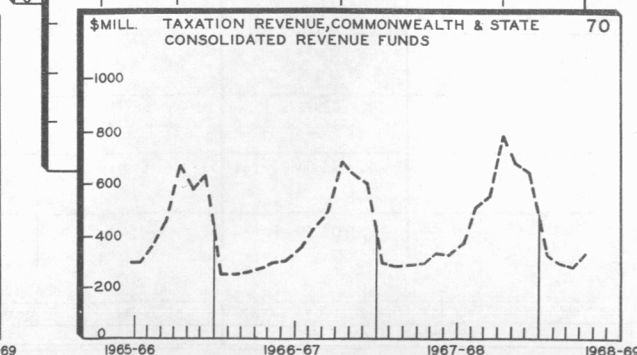
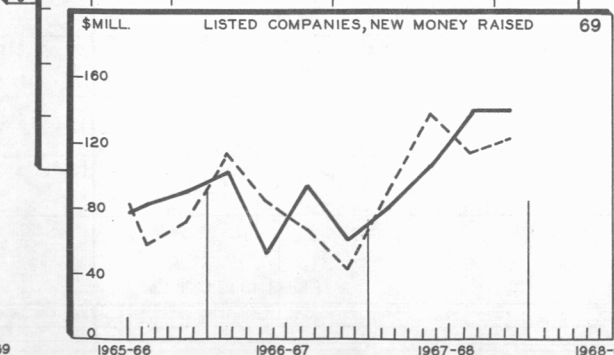
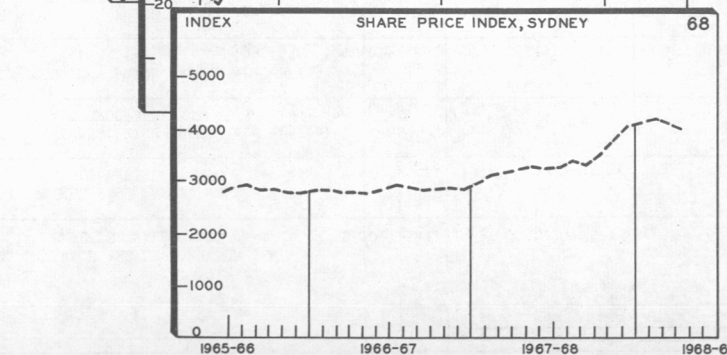
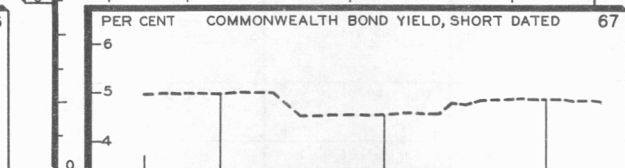
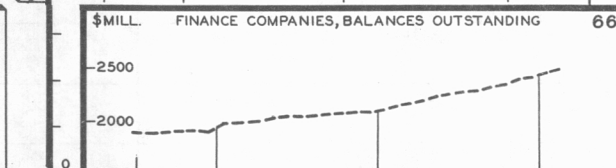
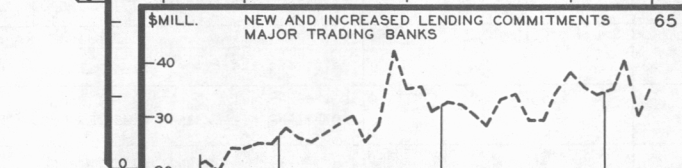
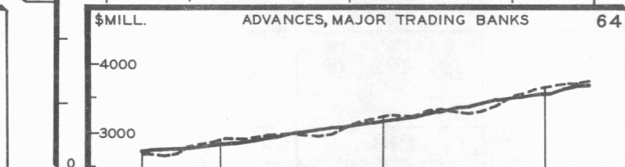
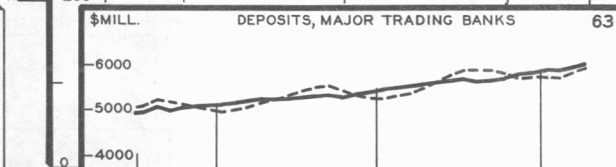
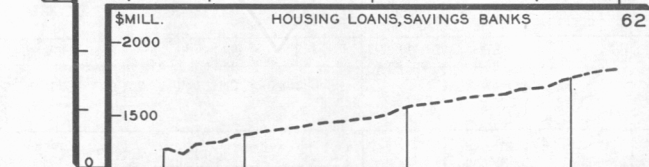
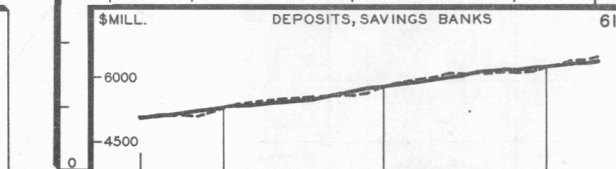
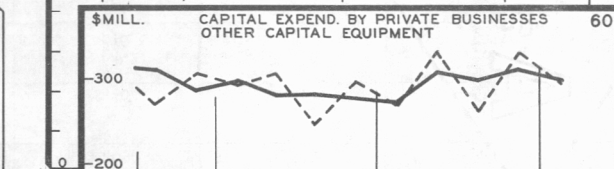
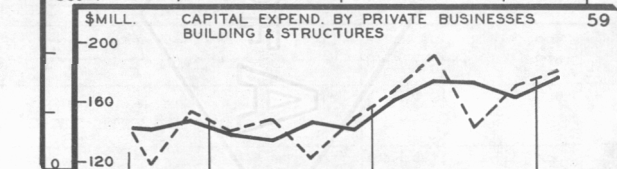
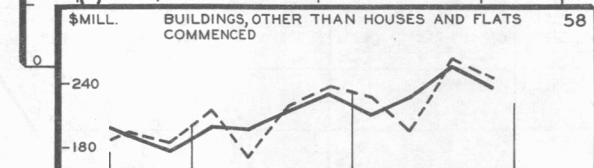
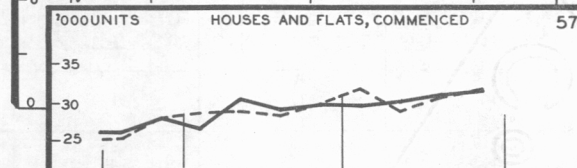
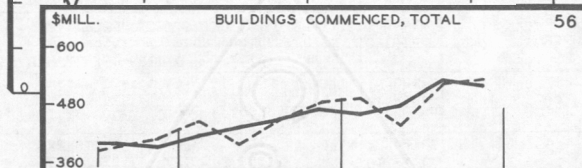
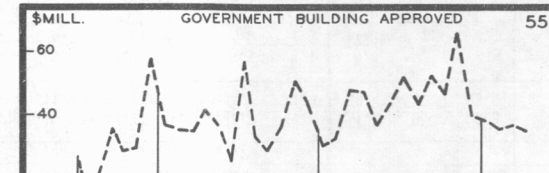
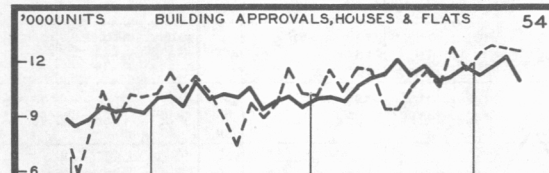
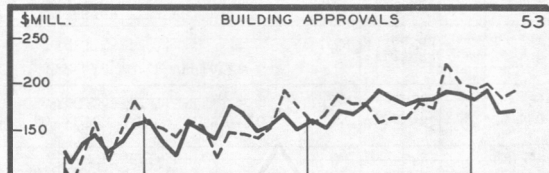
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WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																										
34. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	\$	Original	58.30			62.40			63.40			66.20			61.90			65.90			66.30					
35. WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX, ADULT MALES (a) 1954 = 100		Original	154.3	154.5	154.8	155.1	155.2	155.3	158.9	159.0	159.0	159.1	159.2	159.2	161.6	162.0	162.3	162.7	163.1	163.4	163.7	165.2				
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS 1952-53 = 100		Original	138.9			140.6			142.5			142.9			143.5			144.6			145.2					
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD 1952-53 = 100		Original	141.6			144.2			148.3			147.0			148.0			149.4			149.0					
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals CLOTHING AND DRAPERY 1952-53 = 100		Original	119.7			120.8			121.2			122.0			122.3			122.9			123.5					
39. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING 1952-53 = 100		Original	179.5			182.5			184.4			186.7			187.6			190.0			191.3					
40. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 1952-53 = 100		Original	115.0			115.6			115.8			116.3			116.4			117.3			117.5					
41. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP 1952-53 = 100		Original	149.3			150.4			151.5			153.1			153.5			154.3			156.4					
INTERNAL TRADE																										
42. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) f	\$ mill.	Original	544	530	574	559	609	577	574	597	604	608	650	817	589	578	599	598	659	586	618	640	599			
		Adjusted	588	593	588	590	596	600	608	608	617	618	622	621	623	621	628	620	632	634	641	644	633			
43. RETAIL SALES, GROCERIES (b) f	\$ mill.	Original	280			289			303			331			306			309								
44. RETAIL SALES, OTHER FOOD AND DRINK (b) f	\$ mill.	Original	570			560			571			632			607			588								
45. RETAIL SALES, TOTAL FOOD AND DRINK (b) f	\$ mill.	Original	849			848			875			963			913			898								
		Adjusted	864			876			894			907			919			926								
46. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, HARDWARE AND FURNITURE (b) f	\$ mill.	Original	492			585			576			711			527			616								
		Adjusted	569			580			597			614			604			611								
47. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) f)	\$ mill.	Original	308			311			325			401			326			329								
		Adjusted	331			336			340			342			346			354								
48. INSTALMENT CREDIT for retail sales, non-retail finance businesses, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (c) f	\$ mill.	Original	1,106	1,093	1,088	1,092	1,097	1,103	1,110	1,122	1,133	1,151	1,171	1,186	1,196	1,193	1,199	1,210	1,227	1,237	1,248	1,258	1,270	1,292		
		Adjusted	1,092	1,092	1,093	1,099	1,104	1,113	1,119	1,128	1,134	1,148	1,160	1,167	1,180	1,192	1,205	1,218	1,234	1,248	1,258	1,265	1,272	1,289		
49. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES	No.	Original	(f) 4,754			(f) 5,259			3,528			3,512			4,278			4,729								
50. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED	'000	Original	22.2	23.4	27.7	26.0	29.1	27.5	27.3	30.2	28.6	31.4	32.5	29.6	25.7	29.7	31.6	31.7	36.8	31.6	31.8	28.2	27.3			
		Adjusted	27.2	25.9	26.9	26.8	27.4	27.9	27.3	27.6	28.6	30.0	30.4	30.1	30.1	31.4	31.5	32.2	34.2	34.4	29.4	26.8	27.9			
51. OTHER NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED (d)	'000	Original	4.9	5.4	6.6	6.6	7.6	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.3	6.9	7.1	5.6	5.4	5.8	5.5	5.4	7.5	7.2	8.1	7.3	6.8			
		Adjusted	6.4	6.3	6.9	6.7	6.6	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.2	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.5	5.6	5.6	6.5	7.5	7.1	7.1	6.7			
52. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES (e)	'000	Original	16.0	26.9	28.3	20.1	23.6	23.7	23.3	25.4	21.4	21.5	20.1	17.6	16.5	36.8	28.8	19.0	23.3	21.2	23.9	26.6	26.6			

(a) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (b) Items 42-7 exclude Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) At end of month. Amounts financed in new agreements made were: Jan. 1968 \$65.8m., Feb., \$67.1m., March \$69.1m.; April, \$68.9m.; May \$78.2m.; June \$67.1m.; July \$73.5m.; August \$70.4m.; September \$69.9m. (d) Other new vehicles includes utilities, vans, trucks, etc. (e) Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences. Includes new issues to persons whose previous licence had expired; these may increase significantly in certain months due to special licence inspection campaigns of the P.K.G.'s Department. (f) Excludes wheel tractors of 15 horsepower or less. * Preliminary. f Revised.

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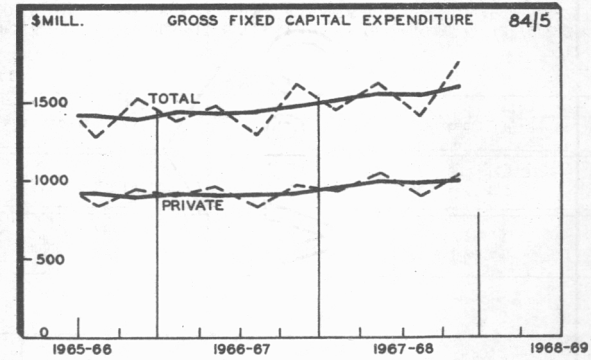
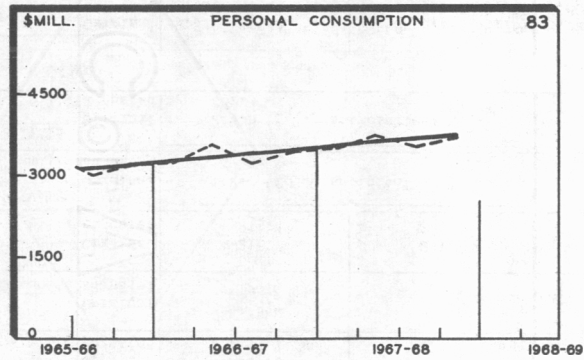
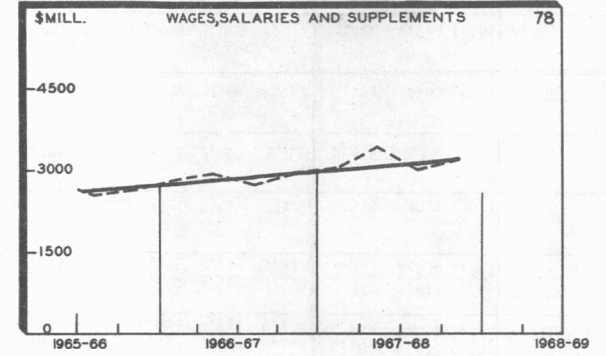
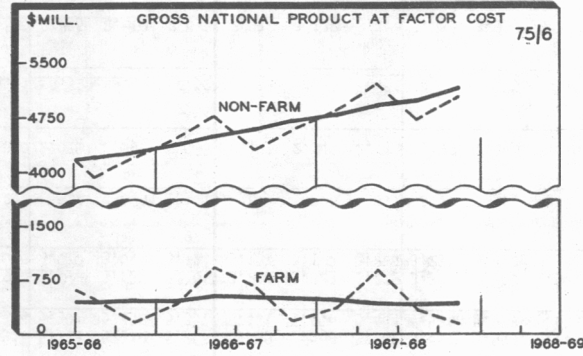
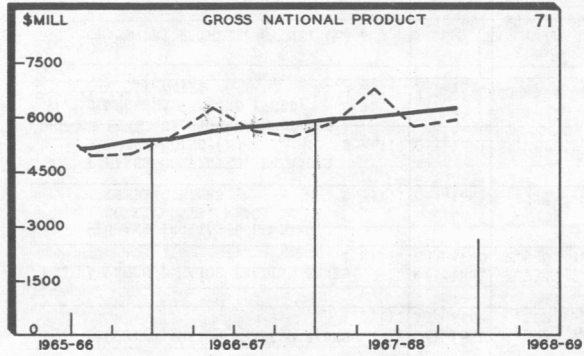


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BUILDING, ETC.																									
53.	BUILDING APPROVALS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	149.8 180.0	147.7 170.4	142.4 151.4	153.6 156.9	195.5 171.2	176.6 152.9	158.3 162.3	168.1 154.8	190.7 173.8	180.4 169.5	181.6 179.6	159.0 196.4	165.1 188.5	165.2 181.0	182.4 185.7	175.0 186.9	223.4 195.3	202.6 192.6	198.6 185.6	203.3 196.4	187.2 171.0	193.8 174.0
54.	BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS	'000 units	Original Adjusted	7.4 10.1	9.8 10.7	9.0 9.4	9.8 9.9	11.8 10.2	10.3 9.6	10.2 10.1	11.7 10.2	10.4 10.0	11.8 10.8	11.6 11.2	9.4 11.4	9.4 12.3	10.8 11.3	11.7 11.9	10.7 11.0	12.9 11.2	11.6 11.9	12.7 11.4	13.0 11.9	12.9 12.5	12.7 11.1
55.	GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED	\$ mill.	Original	57.2	32.6	28.5	36.7	50.7	44.6	29.8	32.9	48.1	47.7	36.5	43.8	52.1	43.0	52.4	46.4	66.4	39.3	38.0	35.6	36.6	34.4
56.	BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		447.6 453.7			484.3 471.6			494.2 462.2			438.5 478.1			522.9 529.8			534.2 520.2					
57.	HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED	'000 units	Original Adjusted		28.3 29.0			29.6 29.6			31.5 29.5			28.6 30.0			30.4 31.2			32.6 32.5					
58.	BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		216.7 213.4			237.0 227.6			226.7 209.6			193.9 225.0			260.8 256.4			244.1 234.5					
59.	NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	122.0 (285.0 anticipated) 148.8 147.9 142.4						167.1 (335.9 anticipated) 191.8 162.5 174.2						143.0 (326.4 anticipated) 172.8 173.8 165.2						182.6 (419.4 anticipated) 177.5			
60.	NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	245.8 (527.5 anticipated) 296.7 282.3 278.1						266.7 (595.6 anticipated) 331.0 271.3 306.8						261.2 (604.5 anticipated) 338.2 300.2 317.3						294.3 (637.0 anticipated) 298.8			
FINANCE																									
61.	DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,512 5,506	5,544 5,549	5,551 5,593	5,558 5,642	5,623 5,709	5,765 5,756	5,821 5,805	5,890 5,853	5,952 5,903	6,001 5,949	6,031 5,984	6,021 6,003	6,046 6,049	6,071 6,075	6,068 6,104	6,043 6,142	6,112 6,199	6,222 6,222	6,280 6,261	6,349 6,299	6,385 6,341	6,442 6,385
62.	HOUSING LOANS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	1,448	1,458	1,477	1,488	1,504	1,549	1,559	1,574	1,590	1,602	1,617	1,637	1,643	1,658	1,675	1,690	1,705	1,751	1,767	1,779	1,795	1,813
63.	DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,383 5,262	5,489 5,300	5,516 5,324	5,573 5,301	5,310 5,352	5,265 5,357	5,259 5,421	5,298 5,456	5,342 5,484	5,447 5,526	5,593 5,589	5,717 5,633	5,819 5,689	5,816 5,613	5,832 5,627	5,759 5,686	5,689 5,734	5,698 5,796	5,683 5,858	5,668 5,837	5,745 5,898	5,887 5,971
64.	ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	2,934 2,998	2,912 3,024	2,962 3,040	3,086 3,070	3,137 3,098	3,181 3,124	3,244 3,157	3,229 3,190	3,229 3,224	3,311 3,277	3,312 3,302	3,307 3,332	3,267 3,337	3,288 3,413	3,354 3,441	3,504 3,483	3,559 3,513	3,598 3,534	3,662 3,563	3,676 3,632	3,665 3,661	3,717 3,680
65.	NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	25.7	28.4	42.6	35.2	35.9	31.1	36.9	32.6	30.7	28.4	33.5	34.5	29.7	29.7	34.8	38.5	35.9	34.9	35.5	40.7	30.7	35.6
66.	FINANCE COMPANIES, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (b)	\$ mill.	Original	2,062	2,065	2,080	2,078	2,098	2,088	2,107	2,142	2,176	2,192	2,246	2,259	2,277	2,288	2,329	2,354	2,407	2,421	2,453	2,487		
67.	COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED	per cent	Original	4.50	4.51	4.51	4.52	4.51	4.52	4.53	4.53	4.51	4.51	4.75	4.71	4.80	4.84	4.86	4.87	4.85	4.84	4.84	4.83	4.83	4.82
68.	SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)		Original	2,939	2,907	2,840	2,855	2,860	2,835	2,972	3,132	3,184	3,236	3,330	3,270	3,316	3,423	3,367	3,509	3,825	4,077	4,162	4,224	4,166	4,009
69.	LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		67.9 93.5			43.4 60.6			92.4 81.0			139.1 107.7			114.8 140.3			123.0 140.1					
70.	TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE Consolidated revenue funds	\$ mill.	Original	362.0	436.2	490.8	686.2	628.1	597.2	292.9	283.0	287.8	302.8	335.0	326.8	368.7	508.2	551.8	781.3	675.1	643.9	333.9	301.1	283.5	*

(a) See notes, page 14. (b) Contracts including charges, plus contracts excluding charges. Amounts shown are intended to provide a broad overall measure of total balances outstanding; however, movements may be affected by changes in the proportion of the two components to the total. (c) Average, three years ended June 1939 = 1,000. * Preliminary. † Revised.

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		1966-67		1967-68				1968-69	
		March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS									
71. GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,609 5,766	5,468 5,868	5,813 5,909	6,753 6,026	5,723 6,110	5,924 6,282	
72. <u>plus</u> IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	951 960	979 968	1,007 986	966 990	1,100 1,110	1,086 1,075	
73. <u>less</u> EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	885 898	935 907	853 888	905 884	854 867	929 900	
74. GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,675 5,828	5,512 5,929	5,967 6,007	6,814 6,132	5,969 6,353	6,081 6,457	
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST -									
75. FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	661 538	194 533	365 502	875 431	335 436	155 437	
76. NON-FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	4,339 4,611	4,637 4,727	4,845 4,784	5,242 4,956	4,719 4,997	5,058 5,166	
77. <u>TOTAL</u>	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,000 5,149	4,831 5,260	5,210 5,286	6,117 5,387	5,054 5,433	5,213 5,603	
WAGES, SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS									
78. WAGES, SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	2,768 2,890	2,955 2,985	3,026 3,013	3,230 3,108	3,003 3,112	3,205 3,236	
INCOME OF FARM UNINCORPORATED ENTERPRISES									
79. INCOME OF FARM UNINCORPORATED ENTERPRISES	\$ mill.	Original	455	6	148	630	131	-42	
OTHER PERSONAL INCOME									
80. OTHER PERSONAL INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	1,068	1,270	1,145	1,296	1,133	1,348	
<u>less</u> INCOME TAX PAYABLE and estate and gift duties									
81. <u>less</u> INCOME TAX PAYABLE and estate and gift duties	\$ mill.	Original	499	493	528	658	521	556	
PERSONAL DISPOSABLE INCOME									
82. PERSONAL DISPOSABLE INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	3,792	3,738	3,791	4,498	3,746	3,955	
PERSONAL CONSUMPTION									
83. PERSONAL CONSUMPTION	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	3,252 3,410	3,438 3,461	3,505 3,547	3,842 3,617	3,520 3,678	3,716 3,741	
GROSS FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE -									
84. PRIVATE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	838 919	966 929	949 958	1,055 996	912 1,000	1,052 1,013	
85. <u>TOTAL</u>	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,307 1,446	1,600 1,465	1,467 1,524	1,622 1,555	1,410 1,559	1,762 1,617	

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